In the revised series of IIP with the base 1993-94, the items were selected on the basis of the criteria that each item so selected should account for at least Rs. 80 crore of Gross Value of Output (GVO) at the overall manufacturing level and Gross Value Added (GVA) of Rs. 20 crore at the ultimate digit level of NIC. The criteria were applied flexibly in the case of industry groups which were not adequately represented. Therefore, items of importance are included and unimportant items are dropped in the new item basket. The list of new item groups alongwith the corresponding individual items included in the revised series of IIP is given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 36]

HUDCO Loan for Development Work in Urban Areas

*147. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount made available by HUDCO during the last three years for the development work in the urban areas, alongwith the details thereof in North-East Region, particularly in Assam;

(b) the amount provided by HUDCO and the rate of interest at which it has been provided for construction of houses in private sector; and

(c) the number of people who have got such loan in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) During the last three years, Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) has sanctioned 52 housing schemes with project cost of Rs. 652.77 crore and loan component of Rs. 408.69 crore in the North Eastern Region. In addition, 12 urban infrastructure schemes with total project cost of Rs. 205.32 crore and HUDCO loan component of Rs. 116.00 crore have been sanctioned. Details of loan sanctioned by HUDCO for housing and urban infrastructure schemes in Assam and other North Eastern States during the period 1996-97 to 1998-99 are as under:—

Loan Sanctioned to North Eastern Region during the year 1996-97 to 1998-99

(Rs. In Lakh)

State	Housing			Urban Infrastructure		
	No. of Schemes	Project Cost	Loan Amt.	No. of Schemes	Project Cost	Loand Amt.
Assam	20	33435.00	20980.00	5	9781.09	6497.45
Manipur	8	14481.00	8065.00	3	8743.29	3780.00
Meghalaya	6	8451.00	5448.00	2	822.82	492.06
Mizoram	6	2495.00	1376.00	-	-	-
Nagaland	6	5298.00	3857.00	2	1184.98	829.48
Sikkim	2	801.00	582.00	-	-	-
Tripura	4	316.00	161.00	-	-	-
Total:	52	65277.00	40869.00	12	20532.18	11598.99

Loan Sanctioned to Assam during the year 1996-97 to 1998-99

(Rs. in Lakh)

	Housing			Urban Infrastructure		
	No. of Schemes	Project Cost	Loan Amt.	No. of Schemes	Project Cost	Loand Amt.
	20	33435.00	20980.00	5	9781.09	6497.45

(b) HUDCO has provided financial assistance of Rs. 63.00 lakh for three projects to private builders in the State of Assam, envisaging construction of 76 dwelling units. These projects have been financed at 15.5% net interest per annum. HUDCO has also sanctioned Rs. 53.05 crore under as retail financing scheme—HUDCO Niwas.

(c) 3670 individuals have availed loan under HUDCO Niwas scheme in the State of Assam. State Government has availed loan of Rs. 50 crore under the scheme for 3422 State Govt. employees, while Rs. 3.05 crore have been sanctioned to 248 other individuals.

Performance of Finance and Development Corporation

*148. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objects of National Minorities Finance and Development